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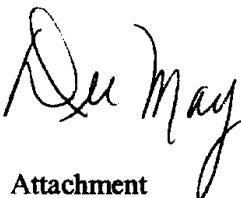
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Re: Performance Metrics and Standards for Interstate Special Access Services, CC Docket No. 01-321

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 24 and July 2, 2004, Verizon filed the attached information in the Triennial Review proceeding to demonstrate that competing telecommunications carriers have deployed their own switching and transmission facilities throughout the country and that they are not dependent on incumbent local exchange carrier facilities in providing competitive alternatives. Verizon is submitting these data in the above-referenced proceeding to update and supplement the information Verizon provided on the record in its May 19, 2004 *ex parte* filing on the competitive alternatives for local and long distance services. The data show that cable companies offer voice telephony throughout the Verizon service area; that voice over Internet protocol ("VoIP") telephony service is available to anyone with broadband service; that wireless carriers are aggressively competing with wireline carriers for both voice lines and long distance traffic; that carriers are offering competitive switched services using their own circuit-switches and packet switches; and that competing carriers are successfully offering high-capacity services to customers with extensive fiber networks in the areas and buildings with the most significant demand for high-capacity special access services. In light of the extensive and growing competition by alternative networks and platforms, there is no need for the Commission to subject the incumbent local exchange carriers to dominant carrier regulation of their long distance services after sunset of the section 272 separate affiliate requirements or to require the carriers to submit performance reports for their high capacity services.

Sincerely,



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